

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Instant claims 1, 9-13 and 26 are allowable for the reasons of record found in Applicant's Remarks dated October 28, 2010. Furthermore, the examiner notes the Terminal Disclaimers filed by applicant on October 28, 2010. The examiner asserts that the provisional double patenting rejections over copending Applications 11/899,065 and 11/922,980 are withdrawn in view of applicant's newly amended claims, and thus, that the Terminal Disclaimers filed October 28, 2010 are no longer applicable.

Accordingly, the claims viewed as a whole would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention after viewing the prior art of record.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Mruk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1321. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs (7:00 AM-5:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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